



Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council¹ Update

District: Western

Date: September 23, 2010

Brief review of decisions and outcomes from DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting (please attach agendas):

- No DCC meetings have been held since June 2010.
- District Health Improvement Plan (DHIP) workgroup has been meeting every two weeks July-Sept. 2010. Workgroup members agreed the western DHIP will focus on 1) Essential Public Health Services #4 Mobilize community partnerships and #7 Link people to needed personal health services based on the results of the Local Public Health System Assessment; and 2) Population Health Indicator "Percent, influenza vaccine past year for adults >18 years from the Call to Action (District Performance Report). Foundational to district efforts is the need to increase awareness and understanding of the current district agencies, their roles and activities.
- Next DCC meeting is Sept. 29, 2010 to present recommendations for the Western DHIP from the workgroup

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

- DHIP recommendations include: 1) DCC meetings to be held every 2 months with presentations from district hospitals, HMPs and other agencies, 2) two workgroups will be formed to a) collect inventory of district agencies, and b) develop plan to coordinate adult immunizations in the district.

Status of Local Public Health System Assessment:

- Completed 2009. Essential Public Health Services #4 (Mobilize community partnerships) and #7 (Link people to needed personal health services) were ranked lowest overall.

Organizations represented in District Health Improvement Plan workgroup:

- University of Maine, Farmington
- Auburn Health & Social Services
- Rumford Hospital
- Healthy Community Coalition
- Franklin Memorial Hospital
- Androscoggin Home Health & Hospice
- Consumer Advisor Committee for Medical Home
- St. Mary's Hospital
- MeCDC, Infectious Disease Epidemiology
- Stephens Memorial Hospital
- Western Maine Community Action
- Central Maine Medical Center
- River Valley Healthy Communities
- Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Services
- Oxford County Emergency Management Agency



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In-district or multi-district collaborations:

Issues or topics to be addressed by SCC:

- Monitoring/ accountability for the District Health Improvement Plans

Other district issues (external to the DCC) that impact public health

- State Health Plan
- Federal Healthcare Reform

¹Sec. 5. 22 MRSA c. 152

A district coordinating council for public health shall:

1. Participate as appropriate in district-level activities to help ensure the state public health system in each district is ready and maintained for accreditation;
2. Provide a mechanism for district-wide input to the state health plan under Title 2, section 103;
3. Ensure that the goals and strategies of the state health plan are addressed in the district; and
4. Ensure that the essential public health services and resources are provided for in each district in the most efficient, effective and evidence-based manner possible.